

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated May 7, 2007.

Claims 1, 10, 14 – 18, and 24 are amended; claims 1 - 25 are pending in this application.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-15, 17 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claims have been amended to overcome the rejections.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-3 and 6-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Werner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,343,233). Applicant respectfully traverses. Applicant cannot identically find in the cited reference, a housing having a plurality of electrical contacts including outer contacts on the housing, as recited in claim 1, from which claims 2, 3, 6 – 8 depend. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 6-8, 10-14, 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Camps et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,397,108). Applicant cannot identically find in the cited reference, a housing having a plurality of electrical contacts including outer contacts on the housing,, as recited in claim 1, from which claims 2, 3, 6 – 8, 10 – 14 depend. Furthermore, Applicant cannot find in the cited reference a cable including a distal end to which the adapter is mounted, a proximal end for engaging the testing device, and a plurality of electrical conductors extending from the distal end to the proximal end, the adapter electrically connecting one of the contacts of the mating terminal end with one of the conductors of the cable when the mating terminal end is inserted within the axial opening, as recited in claim 23, from which claim 24 depends.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Werner et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,343,233) in view of Hauptert et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,580,948).

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Applicant cannot find in the references the housing including inner and outer contacts, the inner contacts electrically couplable with the terminal end, as recited in claim 16, from which claim 17 depends. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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Applicant notes on the summary sheet that claims 18 – 22 were objected to, and that claim 25 is allowed. However, no further comments were provided in the Office Action. Applicant submits claim 18 is allowable, and has been rewritten in independent form. reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 359-3276 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

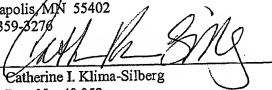
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